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In re Application of: Karen Rachel Beber FUTERNICK Confirmation No.: 8437
Application No.: 10/615,872 Group Art Unit: 3727
Filing Date: July 10, 2003 Examiner: Joseph C. Merek
For: STACKABLE COOLER Attorney Docket No.: 81817-4000

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2004, Applicant hereby hereby provisionally elects the species of Group B, drawn to Fig. 9. Presently, all of the claims are directed to this elected species. Although claims 15 and 23 specifically are directed to features shown in Figs. 6 and 7, these claimed features are not exclusive of the elected species of Fig. 9.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more divisional or continuing applications to protect the inventions of the non-elected group and other disclosed, but unclaimed, subject matter prior to the issuance of this application.

No fee is believed to be due for this response. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1814.

Respectfully submitted,

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